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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ:KHMER QUESTION: POSSIBILITY OF DEFERMENT

1. AMBASSADOR BENNETT AND FM LONG BORET, IN SEPARATE APPROACHES TO GA PRESIDENT BENITES IN PAST TEN DAYS, HAVE FOUND BENITES SYMPATHETIC TO DEFERMENT AND BENITES REMARKED TO LONG BORET THAT PRO-SIHANOUK ITEM "LESS IMPORTANT" THAN OTHERS. THAI AMB ABAND EARLIER HAD APPROACHED BENITES ON BEHALF OF ASIA WORKING GROUP.

2. AMALAYSIAN TOLD US THIS WEEK THAT SRI LANKA WAS ONE OF COUNTRIES THAT WOULD BE SYMPATHETIC TO DEFERMENT. ALTHOUGH PERM-REP AMERASINGHE REPORTEDLY FAVORED GKR, HE WAS UNDER STRONG PRESSURE FROM NON-ALIGNED, AND FROM HIS OWN DEL TO SUPPORT PRO-SIHANOUK RES. ACCORDING TO MALAYSIANS, BHUTAN COUNSELLOR NOTED NOV 7 THAT HIS DEL STILL UNINSTRUCTED; IF NO INSTRUCTION RECEIVED, BHUTAN WOULD ABSTAIN, BUT HE IMPLIED COULD SUPPORT DEFERMENT EVEN WITHOUT INSTRUCTION.

3. NEW ZEALAND DEPPERMMREP MANSIFELD HAS INFORMED US OF NOV 5 CONVERSATION ON KHMER QUESTION WITH PERUVIAN SECOND SECRETARY DE SOTA. AS A NEW MEMBER OF NON-ALIGNED, DE SOTA SAID PERU WOULD CONFIDENTIAL

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PROBABLY VOTE IN FAVOR PRO-SIHANOUK RES AND THERE LITTLE POSSIBI-

LITY PERU WOULD ABSTAIN. IN RESPONSE TO MANSFIELD ARGUMENT, DE SOTA AGREED THAT SOME NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES OPPOSE ITEM. DE SOTA SAID IDEAL SOLUTION FROM PERUVIAN POINT OF VIEW WOULD BE DEFERMENT OF ITEM, PROVIDED A NON-ALIGNED COUNTRY MOVED THE DEFERMENT. IF LATTER OCCURRED, DE SOTA FELT CERTAIN PERU WOULD SUPPORT DEFERMENT.

4. MANSFIELD TOLD MISOFF HE WOULD REPORT THIS CONVERSATION TO ASIAN WORKING GROUP (AWG) AT NEXT MEETING WITH SUGGESTION THAT INDONESIANS AND/OR MALAYSIANS DISCUSS WITH GHANA COSPONSORSHIP OF A MOVE FOR DEFERMENT.

5. COMMENT: THAI AMB ABAND TOLD US HE CONTINUES TO URGE LOBBYING AGAINST PRO-SIHANOUK RES AND THIS REMAINS POSITION OF AWG AND OTHER FRIENDLIES. HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE MEMBERS OF AWG ARE INDIVIDUALLY CONSIDERING FALL-BACK MOVE TOWARD DEFERMENT TACTIC IN RESPONSE TO DESIRE BY MANY DELS TO AVOID VOTING ON PRO-SIHANOUK RES DEPENDING TO SOME EXTENT ON OUTCOME PRESENT LOBBYING CAMPAIGN. AS SESSION MOVES TOWARD FINAL WEEKS, WE WOULD EXPECT INDONESIA AND THAIS WOULD CONSULT WITH MORE MODERATE AFRICANS, E.G., GHANA, IN EFFORT PRODUCE NON-ALIGNED MOVE FOR DEFERMENT JUSTIFIED ON BASIS THERE LACK OF TIME AND NEED TO COMPLETE OTHER ITEMS. PROPOSAL FOR DEFEREMENT, TO BE SUCCESSFUL, WOULD NEED TO BE LAUNCHED AND PUSHED AS NON-US MOVE. IN MEAN-TIME WE STILL HAVE COMMITMENT TO AWG TO LOBBY AGAINST PRO-SIHANOUK RES.  
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